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No turkeys here!

MILLBURY - For the Thanksgiving Holiday, Carol Rogers' first grade gym classes at the Elmwood Street School did the "Turkey Trot." The exercise was set up in the gym with the theme, "Over the river and through the woods," using trees and rivers made by Art Teacher Karen Bouchard. The first graders jogged through the woods, for a distance of approximately a mile.

This week, Nancy Tabor's first graders had a surprise visit from the new Superintendent-Elect, Dr. Richard Palermo. Rogers introduced him to the class and explained how busy he will be and the importance of his job. Palermo then proceeded to do the turkey trot with the class, which illustrated to the children that no matter how important and busy you are, you need to exercise to stay healthy. "That's taking your job to heart," Rogers said.

Carol Rogers introduces Dr. Palermo to the exercise class.

A Good Lesson

MILLBURY - First graders in the "Quest" Program at the Elmwood Street School recently prepared meatballs to be frozen for a December delivery to the Mustard Seed in Worcester: (l-r) teacher Karen Bouchard, Aime Bekier, Jennifer Oslowski, Walter Swenson, and Daniel Norcross. Other classes will also be preparing foods for this community service.

Teacher Mary Jo McKeon, Jessica Hueras, Nicole Galipeau, Amanda Lebel, and Matthew Merrow

Looking Good!

CHRONICLE photo by Alexander A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Thomas Morey Park on Washington Street is undergoing a number of changes by community groups and town departments. The Parks Department, with the cooperation of the Highway Department, has completed the installation of new basketball courts at the Park. Fund raising efforts have already brought in over $40,000 to construct a playground at the park to be called "Woolie World." Shown above: Marion Krumsiek and her daughter, Katie, reprensenting Woolie World; Matt Stover, Steve Trottier, Park Commissioner, and Brian Pinga, also representing Woolie World.

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We The People

Not a cut and dry issue

To the Editor:

Your recent article of Nov. 12th and Rev. Cameron's column of Nov. 19th both dealing with domestic violence and family values seem to miss important aspects of the problem.

Those who have never experienced family violence seem to think it is a cut and dry issue. You either abuse or you don't. You either testify or you don't. You're compatible or you're not.

Various contributing factors such as low self esteem, excessive use of alcohol, and unemployment were mentioned as reasons for the increase in family violence situations today. Also mentioned was the increased willingness on the part of the woman to report such incidences.

Two other aspects of the problem that are important to mention are the self esteem of the woman and that often abuse is a learned pattern of behavior that may go back for generations.

Sgt. Barton talked of education. It is interesting that we teach our children of fire and bus safety, about drugs, and to beware of strangers but we do not always teach them positive ways of dealing with stress and anger within the framework of the family or outside of it.

Education and understanding the complexity of the issue is needed to help these families break the cycle of violence and abuse.

Robin Ballou Boucher
Millbury

Grateful to sponsors

The Millbury Pee-Wee and Biddy Basketball league would like to express their appreciation to the local businesses and organizations that sponsored teams this year. The sponsors for the Pee-Wee league are: The American Legion, Millbury Savings Bank, Goretti's Supermarket, The St. Charles Hotel, Millbury National Bank, The Whitney Insurance Co., The Minney VFW Post, Millbury Credit Union.

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Thank You...

The family of the late Steven Thomas Koza would like to extend its sincere appreciation to everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy over the loss of their loved one. Steven, 19, formerly of Millbury, died October 5 in North Carolina.

Frank and Pat Koza, North Carolina
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Good news from Florida

To the Editor:

I want to thank you for your newspaper article of 3 September concerning my heart transplant here in Florida. It was well written and my family and friends enjoyed reading it.

Since that article, I have experienced two rejections which didn't have any effect on my recovery. However, my biopsies are once a month rather than once every 7 weeks.

Another piece of good news is that four of my medications have been discontinued, and my friends of Millbury have written me letters of prayers and congratulations.

Thanks again, and a happy holiday to all in Millbury.

Nick Patella
Florida

Meeting Cancellation

MILLBURY - The Millbury Planning Board has canceled its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, December 28, 1992 due to the Holiday.

Santa Coming to Sutton

SUTTON - The third annual Santa on the Common sponsored by the Sutton Recreation Commission will take place December 4, 5, and 6 at the Manchaug Library. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 4th. He will be available for pictures and to hear the requests and go over the children's Christmas list. Table space can be reserved for non-profit groups and businesses.

For further information on any of these events, call Sally Benoit at 476-3311 or Harvey Bileau at 234-3312.

All proceeds from these events will be used to purchase playground equipment for Veterans Memorial Field.

On December 12, have Breakfast with Santa at the Dudley Gendron Post from 9-11 a.m. Santa will also be available for pictures on this day. The cost of pictures will be $5.00. The breakfast will cost $3.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under the age of ten.

Breakfast with Santa

MILLBURY - On Saturday, December 5, Santa will be present for breakfast at the Millbury Federated Church from 8-9:30 a.m. Bring your children, your camera or VCR, and your appetite. Menu will include eggs, sausage, french toast sticks, coffee or milk and orange juice. Tickets are $3.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under 10.

This event is sponsored by the Millbury Federated Church Nursery School Committee. For more information, call Elaine at 865-1181.

Merry Berry Fair

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold its Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 5, at the Elmwood Street School from 9-2 p.m. Tables will feature handmade craft and holiday items, baked goods, games, raffles, refreshments and more.

Tax Bills Due

MILLBURY - The Fiscal 1993 Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills that were mailed October 28, 1992 will be due IN THE TAX OFFICE Friday, November 27, 1992. If not paid by that date, interest of 14% per annum will revert back to the mailing date.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Selectmen say, 'A Deal's a Deal!'

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Earl Chase, Administrative Assistant to the Selectmen, was commended by the Board of Selectmen at their November 17 meeting for negotiating a lower premium fee for professional insurance for the Police Department.

At last week's meeting the Board was informed that the low bidder, Whitney Insurance, had submitted a bid of $11,708 which was higher than the budgeted amount of $11,000. Chase was directed to go back to Whitney and seek a price consistent with past premium payments. Chase said the Whitney Agency resubmitted a bid of $10,304. The Board voted to accept the low bid on a 4-0 vote.

Bagged Trash

The Board of Health is scheduled to appear before the Selectmen next week to explain its policy of restricting trash brought to the transfer station by residents to bagged trash only until the end of December. Chase said a letter received from the Board of Health indicates that the change is for the remainder of this calendar year only, and the restriction will be lifted January 1, 1993. The town is trying to maintain a level that will keep it within its allotted tonnage of 11,315 tons.

Interchange Project

Under old business, Selectman Bernard Plante reported that he attended a recent meeting of the Rte 146/90/20 Advisory Committee and reinforced the town's position concerning a verbal agreement between the selectmen and Secretary of Transportation Richard Taylor. The selectmen have maintained that Taylor promised the town a grant for industrial park development in return for the board's support of the interchange project in Millbury.

Plante also noted that both the Police and Fire Chiefs are recommending that the state purchase four homes that have not been listed among those slated for taking. He said the homes in question could not be serviced by the town and the two departments adequately because they would be on the other side of a cul-de-sac, which would delay service because of the configuration of the proposed road.

"That (recommendation) was not appreciated," Plante said.

Chase noted that the state receives only a certain amount of funds from the federal government for landtakings and the state would probably have to pay for those additional parcels.

Plante also said that representatives from Taylor's and Governor Weld's offices indicated that there was no recollection of any agreement relative to a grant.

"I think we made that pretty clear and it was clear they would give us a grant," Plante said. "The point is, they made a commitment to us. We should go after that."

Plante explained that the conversation with Taylor regarding the grant took place during a bus tour of the project area and in the presence of Senator Matthew Amorello and Cristo.

Cristo said it was not a back room deal but was done up front and reported on by a local newspaper. "There was no secret deal," he said.

Plante said Taylor's representative remarked that there was no record of any agreement in writing in the office.

"A deal is a deal," Cristo said. He also pointed out that the town will be losing taxable land. He told his colleagues that the board should indicate at the November 19 public hearing on the project that the only way the town can support the project is for the state to go along with the commitment that was made by Taylor. "If we do not get the commitment," he said, "we may have to take another position on this project. I don't see any shovels in the ground; no dirt has been turned over. If the state is going to back out, then maybe they will have another New Braintree on their hands."

Lachance noted that when the Board gave its vote of approval on the project, it was contingent on getting the grant "because we would be losing so many taxable properties."

Cristo suggested that Chase prepare two statements for the public hearing relating to the Board's positions on the grant and on the four additional parcels.

Grafton/Riverlin intersection

Lachance asked that an item regarding the Riverlin and Grafton St. intersection be placed on the agenda and discussed at next week's meeting. The site was the recent scene of an oil truck/car collision. He passed around two photos showing the station wagon with damage and an oil truck laying on its side.

Selectman Donald Gauthier read a letter from Shirley Gaboriault of 86 Grafton Street, who noted the frequent accidents at that intersection. She asked for the installation of a traffic light to help resolve the problem.

Chase said the present blinking light at the intersection cost the town $5000 and a full light system would be even more expensive.

The Board will discuses the issue with the Safety Officer at its next meeting.

Cable TV

The Cable TV Advisory Committee gave an update on the new cable being installed by Greater Media which should be completed along with an upgraded system by early Spring.

Committee Chairman Paul DiCicco explained that there were two issues the Board will have to address related to public access to the cable network: a studio location and a coordinator of programming, which would probably be a volunteer position.

Committee member Roger Desrosiers said steps are being taken to go through the proper channels to see if a room would be available to the public at the high school for studio use.

Jack Dupre, another Committee member, suggested that possibly the town could get an intern from a local college who is majoring in communications to volunteer to coordinate all the work required for setting up a workable program for public use.

DiCicco noted that Greater Media offers a training program for coordinators and, under the contract, the equipment and supplies needed to get a local effort going is provided at no charge.

"The question is put before you, the Board, whether to have it or not and whether there will be a volunteer or a paid coordinator," said DiCicco.

The Board took the matter under advisement with a suggestion to Chase that he contact area colleges to see if they have a communications department that could provide

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interns and volunteers.

Paul Revere

Jack Lilley, representing the Paul Revere Condominium Association, gave the Board an update on what was happening relative to movement towards a resolution of the numerous problems at the condominiums located off Grafton Street.

According to Lilley, a request by the developer's attorney for a change of venue in the Attorney General's case against the developer, Forrow Builders Inc., presently held in Superior Court in Boston, was denied.

Lilley said he was present tonight to report that the Superior Court judge denied a request by the developer to modify a court injunction for pumping some of the septic systems at Paul Revere. He said another hearing is scheduled for December 18, 1992 "which can be a window of opportunity for the Board and the town to take a stand."

Lilley also said it appears that the Attorney General's Office does not see a compromise in the offing because the developer does not believe anything wrong was done. "The Attorney General is looking at the broad view, which will be looking out for the town. The Town and Attorney Giorgio, your counsel, should take a look at that and consider some position or stance for the December 18th hearing," said Lilley.

Cristo said the information received tonight will be brought to town counsel and considered by the Board. "We may have to sit down with the Board of Health on the issue of litigation."

Lilley suggested that the Sewer Commissioners be involved in that discussion as they are an important component in any resolution.

Later in the meeting, Lachance asked for documentation of water use at 38 Lexington Road in Paul Revere from Mass. American Water Company for the period starting June 1991 to the present. He said he wanted that information for documentation purposes only.

Jack Lilley responded that during that period of time there was a problem with fixture leaks in that unit which created high water bills and flows to the septic system. "When the occupants received the second bill, the leak was taken care of," he said.

In response to another question from Lachance, Lilley said approximately 25% of the units are rented with a 5% vacancy rate.

Grafton Road Automotive Repair

The Board discussed complaints received concerning the presence of trucks at Grafton Rd. Automotive Repair which are parked close to an abutter, a Mrs. Boliver.

Cristo said the complaints appear to suggest that trucks are being stored on site and a trucking business is being run from that property.

Zoning agent Rene Morin said his four daytime inspections showed no trucks parked at the site. He also said a police check noted only one truck on an occasion. He said town counsel has indicated that "the only way we can legally grab him is to show he is storing trucks at that location."

Assistant Zoning Agent Steve Bishop said the Board is familiar with the history of the case involving the repair shop being a grandfathered use and said the issue the board can pursue is the storage of trucks.

Cristo, reading from notes he made over a recent weekend, said he saw three trucks sitting on the property to the right of the building. "One belonging to DiBaro and two to Bourget Trucking. On Monday they were gone," he said. "That says to me they are parked there on weekends and gone during the week. Where is the legal business address of the owner of the trucking company? Where does their d\b\a certificate say they are located? Is it Worcester or Millbury? It seems these are trucks without a home. They are not being repaired, at least the times I have observed them on weekends."

Bishop said it would be useful to the Zoning Agent if the Board would supply a letter on its specific concerns.

Cristo remarked that he is sick of getting complaints on this issue, and said the matter should be resolved once and for all.

Bishop said that if the Board expresses its concerns in writing, then the Zoning Agent can seek a written response from the business owner.

Plante said the question is, "Do the trucks belong there? Is a trucking operation being run from that site?"

Cristo said he thought the Board has a good case since there are personal observations and pictures for validation. He asked the zoning department to move on the matter as soon as they receive the Board's letter.

Miscellaneous

- A tally of Wheelabrator host fees since the opening of the plant shows that the town has received a total of $4.5 million over the years.

- The board granted a permit to Wheels Roller Skating Center on Howe Avenue to open New Year's Eve from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. New Year's Day.

Women's Bowling League

Pat Gaspar had the high triple with strings of 108/112/106 for a 326 game. Bowling over 100 were: Pat Gaspar, 108/112/106; Mary Jo Boire, 121; Charlotte Gabree, 117; Becky Rushton, 110; Gloria Cichy, 109; Bette Pichierri, 103; Nancy White, 101; and Kathy Marble, 100.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
1	#5 Sisters Plus One	53	19
1	#1 Patti's Pin-Ups	41	31
2	#3 The Shadows	39	33
3	#6 Gail's Gabbers	36	36
4	#4 Joanie & the Jets	31	41
5	#2 Kathy's Marbles	16	56

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar 103.8; Joan DeSantis 97; Charlotte Gabree 96.8

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Pat Gaspar 133
Charlotte Gabree 128

HIGH TRIPLE
Pat Gaspar 370
Joan DeSantis 358
Kathy Marble 330

MHS Class of '83 planning reunion

A meeting to plan the 10th reunion for the Millbury High School Class of 1983 will be held Saturday, November 28, at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call Cheryl (Gauthier) Orrell at 892-8462 for details.

Parent Program Offered

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public School System will offer an evening program for parents of children ages four or five on Thursday, December 3, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the Elmwood Street School. Children do not need to be enrolled in school for parents to attend. Parents of children in kindergarten are especially encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the program. Funding has been provided by an Early Childhood Special Education grant.

The program will be presented by child psychologist Dr. Edward Ladon. He will speak on a number of issues involving raising young children, including increasing self-esteem, guiding your child's behavior, and setting appropriate limits.

There will be ample time for questions, and many practical suggestions will be offered for dealing with young children. All Millbury parents and caregivers are invited. For further information, call School Psychologist Linda Oroszko at 865-3541.

Craft Fair

WORCESTER - Our Lady of the Angels School, 1222 Main Street (near Webster Sq. Plaza), will hold its annual craft fair on Saturday, December 5, from 9-3:30. Admission is $1.00. No charge for children 14 and under.

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Town reaches agreement over Industrial Park

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - Among the items discussed during the Selectmen's November 17 meeting were a petition from tenants in the Burnap Industrial Park to have the Town plow and sand their roads this winter, consideration of a complaint that an attendant at Nick's Country Market sold beer to minors, and the formation of the Insurance Advisory Committee. All Board members were present.

Burnap Industrial Park

During the Town Administrator's update, Dexter Blois reported that the town took the bond to complete the roads in the Burnap Industrial Park. However, he said, the bond falls about $10,000 short of the amount needed to complete the resurfacing. He said tenants of the industrial park have furnished the Planning Board with personal checks which will give the town enough money to complete the project. Because of the work remaining to be done at the site, Highway Surveyor Ray Smith advised holding off until Spring to complete the roads.

The tenants, according to their spokesman, John Hanratty, are anxious to improve the appearance of the industrial park and are willing to underwrite and complete the cosmetic improvements themselves.

Blois recommended that the board approve the concept, deposit the personal checks in an interest bearing account and use the interest to help defray the cost of plowing and sanding the roads. Blois added that there was a by-law that allowed the selectmen to approve plowing and sanding even though the roads have not been formally accepted. Blois also said the Planning Board has approved the project.

Selectman David Strieby asked Blois who owned the roads.

Blois responded that Jack Virgilio, developer of the site, still owns the roads only because at the bankruptcy disposition, no one wanted them. He said he was working with Virgilio to transfer the roads to the town without going through eminent domain proceedings. Blois said Virgilio is aware of the liability of owning the roads and has indicated a willingness to turn them over to the town.

Selectman Rick LaBonte supported plowing the roads, observing that the tenants have not only acted in good faith but have come up with their own money to see the project to completion.

The board approved LaBonte's motion to care for the roads this winter and complete them next spring using the personal funds of the tenants and the bond money.

Early Retirement

Blois said four people will be eligible to take advantage of an early retirement option should the town and the selectmen approve the option next spring. According to Blois, three employees in the highway department and one employee in the town hall would qualify. He said he did not think approving the plan would benefit the town since the rationale for instituting the program was to make retirement attractive to employees whose positions were not to be replaced or to retire employees at the top end of the pay scale and replace them with employees at the low end of the scale. He said he did not see approving the plan as a saving to Sutton.

Miscellaneous

- Blois reported that the town has a hearing on November 23 to release the bond money so Hartness, Leland, and McLellan Roads can be stabilized for the winter. He said he told Surveyor Ray Smith to be ready to roll on Tuesday as time to stabilize the roads is drawing close.

- Kathleen Averka was appointed to the Cultural Council and Mike Morin was appointed a Sewer Commissioner.

Sewer Charge Review

Anna Geer came before the selectmen to ask for a review of her sewer charge. Geer told the board that she is licensed by the State as a Family and Group Day Care Center. She explained that she presently cares for nine children though she is licensed to care for as many as 19. Her concern is that her sewer fees are charged at the commercial rate rather than the residential rate. She said that 12 other Wilkinsonville residents run businesses out of their homes and pay the residential rate.

Geer said she checked with the water district and discovered that there was no appreciable difference in water use. Later she was told that volume was not the factor in distinguishing between residential and commercial assessment.

Board Chairman Wally Johnson said that the board would have to investigate whether her business was classified under the commercial definition.

A representative of the Sewer Commission stated that though the commissioners sympathized with Geer, they felt her business came under the commercial definition, particularly when she cares for the maximum number of children allowed.

The selectmen agreed to look further into the matter and respond to Geer's inquiry.

Douglas Dump

Selectman Rick labonte made a motion that the Sutton board of Selectmen write a letter to Governor Weld and local legislators expressing its opposition to the proposed siting of a landfill in Douglas. He said that he fears being located on such a high point could endanger the water in Manchaug Pond, Webster Lake, and other areas. He also stated that he fears that the traffic on Central Turnpike will increase as trucks coming from Rt. 395 in Oxford and off Rt. 146 access the landfill through Sutton.

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DEADLINE

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Test Scores Up!

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - At its November 18 meeting, the School Committee heard a plea from Jr./Sr. High School teacher Anna Lewandowski for the replacement of one of two microwave ovens allegedly stolen from the school.

Lewandowski said the two ovens were purchased by teachers and were taken from their location, one in the annex and one in the teachers' solarium. A police investigation indicated no forced entry was made which she noted raises a matter of security within the building as rooms, after cleaning, should be locked and secured. Lewandowski noted also that other items, including fans and money from some student lockers, have been taken.

Business Manager Sue Pierce said a memo has been sent around to make sure all rooms are locked when not in use.

Lewandowski's request was denied because the Committee cannot use public funds to pay for equipment bought from private funds for private use.

High school teacher Tom Murray noted that prior to tonight's meeting, he went down to the guidance office and found it wide open. "Being that there are computers in the office area, the doors to that area should be locked. It's a question of security," he said.

Assessment Test Scores

Superintendent Alfred Sylvia presented a brief report on the recently released Mass. Assessment Test scores. He expressed his delight and said that the scores this past year were well beyond his expectations. He pointed to what he said were "exceptional gains" in all areas tested at the grade 4, Grade 8 and Grade 12 levels. His charts showed comparisons of test results since the first testing done in 1986 through 1992.

Sylvia attributed the very significant differences to changes in curriculum, staff efforts, and the hard work of the students themselves. He also noted that over the six year span, there were two exceptional classes which, he said, contributed to the rising scores.

Committee members commended the administration, staff and students for their strong efforts in scoring so well.

Committeeman Alan Marble summed up the comments when he stated, "We must be doing something right."

Bus Concerns

Ann Maria Ross, a student at the high school, was accompanied by two other students to present a list of numbers for certain bus routes which she maintained showed that a number of students have to stand on the bus because of a lack of seating space. She argued that the situation is dangerous and could result in injuries if an accident occurs.

Ross also said a double standard was in place since students are allowed to stand on the bus during trips to and from school but not on field trips which, she argued, adds to the expense for students or clubs. "I feel, and parents feel," she said, "that each student should have their own seats."

Business Manager Sue Pierce, who is in charge of transportation, said a check with drivers and counts on two days showed that there were no overloads on any buses. She noted that the buses can carry 71 passengers, up from a 65 passenger capacity, and said the school department is well within the capacity and within state regulations which allow for some standees. "That is certified by the Superintendent each year to the state," she said. "If we did not comply, we would lose funds."

Pierce also said that when it comes to her attention that there are standees, she changes the situation so there are none. To Ross she added, "If you are aware of any situations like that, I would like to know so I can check on it. As we have problems, we will address them."

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MILLBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
1986-92 STATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

	1986 RESULTS	1988 RESULTS	1990 RESULTS	1992 RESULTS	COMPARISON 1986-92	COMPARISON SCORE BAND-1992	COMP. PTS. ABOVE BAND
GRADE 12 RESULTS							
READING	1190	1310	1350	1520	+330	1310-1380	+120
MATH	1220	1310	1270	1400	+180	1300-1360	+40
SCIENCE	1230	1280	1290	1460	+230	1320-1390	+70
SOCIAL STUDIES	--	1250	1280	1440	+190	1290-1360	+80
GRADE 8 RESULTS							
READING	1290	1410	1320	1440	+150	1310-1370	+70
MATH	1260	1340	1260	1380	+120	1300-1360	+20
SCIENCE	1250	1380	1290	1440	+190	1330-1390	+50
SOCIAL STUDIES	--	1320	1250	1380	+60	1300-1360	+20
GRADE 4 RESULTS							
READING	1260	1300	1300	1350	+90	1300-1350	IN
MATH	1300	1290	1330	1310	+10	1300-1350	IN
SCIENCE	1250	1310	1360	1340	+90	1320-1370	IN
SOCIAL STUDIES	--	1290	1320	1350	+60	1310-1360	IN

The Massachusetts Assessment Test has now been administered over the past six years: 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1992. The Millbury Public Schools have shown an outstanding improvement in test scores when comparing 1986 with 1992 scores. The test scores for 1992 have shown an outstanding improvement in grades 8 and 12. Grade 4 improvement has been most noticeable in the area of reading.

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Over the past several months, mailings have been sent to local businesses, committees, and organizations. The response has been generous and is much appreciated. An appeal is now being made to the general public in order to reach the goal.

Make checks payable to "The Friends of the Millbury Bandstand" and mail to: Charlotte L. Townsend, 364 Greenwood St., Millbury, MA 01527.

Millbury Bank Income Rises

MILLBURY - Millbury Savings Bank reported income before taxes, securities gains, and losses of $1,217,000 or 1.7% of assets. Dudley F. Bowker, President and Chief Executive Officer, reported the results at the Bank's Annual Meeting held November 18, 1992 at the Cocke 'N Kettle Restaurant, Uxbridge.

Bowker also reported Net Income at .75% of Assets, or $534,000, an increase of 61% over $331,000 earned in 1991.

Assets rose 3.5% to $71,807,000 from $69,493,000 in 1991.

Deposits increased 3% to $65,375,000, from $63,563,000 in 1991.

Dividends Paid Depositors totalled $3,893,000.

The Bank's Net Worth increased 10%, from $5,323,000 to $5,866,000. Net Worth now stands at 8.17% of Assets and 8.97% of deposits, respectively, Bowker said.

The Bank's Net Loan Loss Reserves after charge-offs and recoveries increased $60,000 from $291,000 in 1991 to $351,000 for 1992.

The Bank's Mortgage Portfolio represents 67% of the Bank's Deposits, an increase of 4.5% from $41,953,000 to $43,804,000.

Other loans increased 2% from $10,114,000 to $10,293.000.

Bowker informed the members of the Corporation that Millbury Savings Bank has structured itself to meet the future financial needs of the community in loans and will continue to pay competitive rates of interest on its fully insured deposits. Bowker also said Millbury Savings meets all requirements of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Mutual Savings Central Fund as to safety and soundness of the Bank's operations.

In other action, Bowker was re-elected President of the Corporation. Others re-elected were: Barry F. Crosby, Executive Vice-President; Kenneth J. Botty and Francis A. Gatto, Vice Presidents; Paul R. O'Connell, Jr., Clerk of the Corporation. Trustees re-elected for a three-year term included Francis A. Gatto, Janet Cahill Grenier, Ragnar W. Gustafson Jr., Paul R. O'Connell Jr., and Richard R. Trudell.

New Corporators elected for a 10-year term were Deborah N. Berthiaume, Betty A. Hamilton, and Juha Kuusisaari, all of Millbury, and Steven M. Budish of Worcester.

Deborah Berthiaume established her own small community flower shop, Millbury Towne Florist, in 1983.

Steven M. Budish is Manager of Worcester Dental Associates, Inc.

Betty A. Hamilton serves as Executive Director of the District Nursing Society of Millbury where she has worked for the past 25 years.

Juha Kuusisaari has been associated with Ludvigson Jewelers since 1987. He was a designer and goldsmith with Sharfman's from 1975-1985. Born in Finland, he came to the United States in 1971.

Blood Pressure Clinics

MILLBURY - Following are the dates of the District Nursing Blood Pressure Clinics for December: Asa Waters Mansion, 123 Elm Street, December 1 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. and December 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Stuart's Department Store, 132 Worcester St., No. Grafton, December 2 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The following clinics are for residents of the apartments only: Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, December 16, 1-2 p.m.; Centerview Apartments, 95 Elm St., December 17, 1-2 p.m.; Colonial Apartments, Colonial Drive, December 24, 1-2 p.m.

The Sutton schedule is as follows: Orchard Apartments, Church St., Recreation Room on December 3, 10, 17, 24 from 8-9 a.m.

Sutton Town Hall, Uxbridge Road, Library, December 4, 11, 18, from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

Bill filing deadline

BOSTON - The deadline for filing legislation for consideration by the 1993 Legislative Session is Wednesday, December 2. According to Representative Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge), "Although the new session does not begin until January, this early filing date makes it possible for a substantial number of bills to be in print when the Legislature convenes for business."

Massachusetts citizens have the right to request their legislators to file bills to change, repeal or create laws governing a variety of circumstances. The "right of free petition," as it is called, usually results in the filing of as many as 10,000 bills for consideration by the Legislature each year.

Moore said that residents or local organizations who have suggestions for legislation may write to him at his State House Office or see him during district office hours prior to December 2nd.

Only Bagged Trash

MILLBURY - Only bagged household trash will be accepted at the transfer station until the end of the year. This is to keep within the town's allotted tonnage to Wheelabrator for 1992.

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Board member Mary K. Connor said that though she is not opposed to the motion, she would have liked more time to study the issue before being asked to publicly take a stand. The item was placed on tonight's agenda which the selectmen received prior to the meeting.

The board voted unanimously to send a letter stating the board's opposition to the site.

Nick's Country Market

Police Chief John Annis told the selectmen that at 9:00 p.m. on October 2, a Sutton police officer stopped a 20 year old male on an arrest warrant. The officer observed two six packs and two twelve pack containers of beer inside the vehicle. There were three females in the front seat who were 16 years of age and two 17 year old males in the rear seat. During questioning, Annis said, they all admitted that the 20-year-old had bought the beer at Nick's Country Market.

The officer questioned the attendant at the store who did admit selling the beer to the youth without seeing any identification. The attendant did say that she had sold him beer before when he had produced identification.

According to Annis, the 20-year old said that he had purchased beer at that location twice before from a male attendant with dark hair, though not the owner. Annis said that the evidence now suggests that alcohol was bought at the location on three different occasions by under age patrons.

Douglas Wentworth, owner of Nick's, said he has terminated the cashier involved in the sales and has installed a camera system to identify customers and their identification cards.

Wentworth explained that he uses a reference book to aid him in determining the validity of identification cards. "All I know is that we do card on a regular basis; we do our best," he said.

Wentworth went on to explain the steps he has taken to assure that this situation will not occur again.

Gravison commented that he can understand how this can happen when an employee gets a little careless. He said he did not think that selling to minors was Wentworth's intent and was convinced that Wentworth now understands what will happen if another sale occurs.

Connor and LaBonte agreed with Gravison and cautioned the owner to be more vigilant.

The board voted to send Wentworth a "strong letter" and not to revoke his license for this violation.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

By the time you read this, you will most likely be right full of turkey from celebrating our Thanksgiving. A little boy wanted to know what the next event would be. Well, from now on it is Christmas, or more properly, the Advent Season.

There are a couple of Protestant denominations that are called Adventists and Seventh Day Adventists. By the way, there are also Seventh Day Baptists. These choose to worship on Saturday in keeping with a Sabbath Day. "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." Amen.

Advent has the meaning of anticipation of someone coming or of a coming event which involves that person. The above denominations make a great deal out of the Second Coming of The Lord Jesus Christ or his Second Advent. In this season of the year, we are celebrating His first coming: "He shall be called 'Immanuel' which means, 'God is with us.'"

With their nation in complete disarray, the Israelites were looking for God to come to them in the person of The Messiah, God's chosen One, who would deliver them from their oppression. When Jesus arrived on the scene making claim to be God's chosen One, The Messiah, or from the Greek "The Christ," they did not know who He was. "He was in the world and the world was made by Him, but the world knew Him not. He came unto His own and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the power (privilege) to be called the Sons of God, even to them that believed on his name."

Jesus, the Christ, came historically, and one day will most certainly come again, but in the meantime, He still comes to us. If we believe on Him and ask Him into our hearts and lives He will come in. But also when we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, house the homeless, befriend the lonely, we hear him say, "inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done it unto me." Amen.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. at the General Rufus Putnam Hall in Sutton Center.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

SUTTON - The third annual Santa on the Common sponsored by the Sutton Recreation Commission will take place today, Saturday, and Sunday at the Manchaug Library. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m. today.

MILLBURY - Tim Eckland benefit, 7-12 p.m., V.F.W. Post, South Main Street.

Scandinavian choir to perform

WORCESTER - Stambandet, a 14-voice Scandinavian choir, will perform a Candlelight Concert and Lucia Procession at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 200 Greenwood Street, on Saturday, December 5, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $7.00 and can be bought at the door.

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On The Shelf

By Rosemary Waltos

December Highlights

ORIGAMI ORNAMENT WORKSHOP - Tuesday, December 1, 6-8 p.m. Children in grade one and up will make a six-sided ornament by working cooperatively with an adult partner. You really need four hands! Space is limited, and registration is necessary.

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS for preschool through kindergarten, Wednesday, December 2, from 1-4 p.m. Children are invited to make a holiday ornament to keep or share with a friend. Children will decorate a grapevine wreath with red berries and ribbon. Registration is necessary. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

COOKIE EXCHANGE, Thursday, December 10, 7 p.m. Join us for our annual Holiday Cookie Exchange. Bring three dozen home-baked cookies and their recipes and get a variety of cookies and cookie recipes to take home and enjoy this holiday season. Refreshments and special holiday treats will be served in the main reading room. Space is limited and registration is necessary.

COMING IN JANUARY: Registration for preschool story hour; 4-H babysitting course; bedtime storytime; Friends semi-annual Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, January 23, 9 to noon.

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet December 1 at 8 p.m. at the General Rufus Putnam Hall in Sutton Center.

Following a short business meeting, the annual Christmas auction will be held. Those planning on attending are asked to bring items suitable for gifts, Christmas or otherwise. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome.

Cash Raffle for Library Fund

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library is sponsoring a Cash Raffle on behalf of the Millbury Public Library Fund. First prize is $1,000; second, $300, and third, $200. Winners will be drawn on January 8, 1993. Only a limited of raffle tickets are available. For ticket information, call the library at 865-1181 or Mike Mazzone at 865-2729.

Special Education Services

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Schools provide special education services for students with a variety of needs. A child in need of special education is any person ages three through 21 (up to his/her 22nd birthday) who has not obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Programs have been established that provide for a flexible and uniform system of educational opportunities for all children requiring special education.

Inquiries regarding special education in general should be directed to the Office of Special Services at 865-9501.

To perform in 'Nutcracker'

WORCESTER- Nicole Horton and Kara Lynn Woods, both of Millbury, will be appearing with the Albany Berkshire Ballet in this year's annual performance of the "Nutcracker." This fully-stage classic ballet will be performed on Saturday, December 5, at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. at the Worcester Memorial Auditorium. The production features over 100 local dance students.

Tax bills due in Sutton

SUTTON - The 1993 Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for the Town of Sutton were mailed November 18, 1992 and are due in the Town Collector's office by noon on Friday, December 18, 1992. Bills received either by mail or at the counter after that date will be subject to 14% interest penalty going back to the date of mailing.

If your taxes are held in escrow, mail the bill to your financial institution in order for them to make payment before December 18. If you no longer own the property, return the bill promptly to the Collector's office.

Application for abatement of FY'93 tax bills must be filed with the Board of Assessors within 30 days from the mailing - that is by December 18.

To Wed

MILLBURY - Robert Kajwara and Diane M. Johnson will be married January 2, 1993 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Greenwood Street, Worcester.

Ms. Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Johnson of 11 Hawthorne Street in Millbury. She is a graduate of Millbury High school, Becker Jr. College, Augsberg College in Minneapolis, and Simmons College in Boston.

Mr. Kajwara is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kajwara of Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a graduate of Hawaii University.

Both are employed at Kauai Community College in Lihue Hawaii.

The Rev. John Anderson will return to the area to officiate at the wedding ceremony.

Ski Swap

GRAFTON - Operation Friendship of Grafton will sponsor its annual Ski Swap and Sale on Friday, November 27, from 1-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church in Grafton Center.

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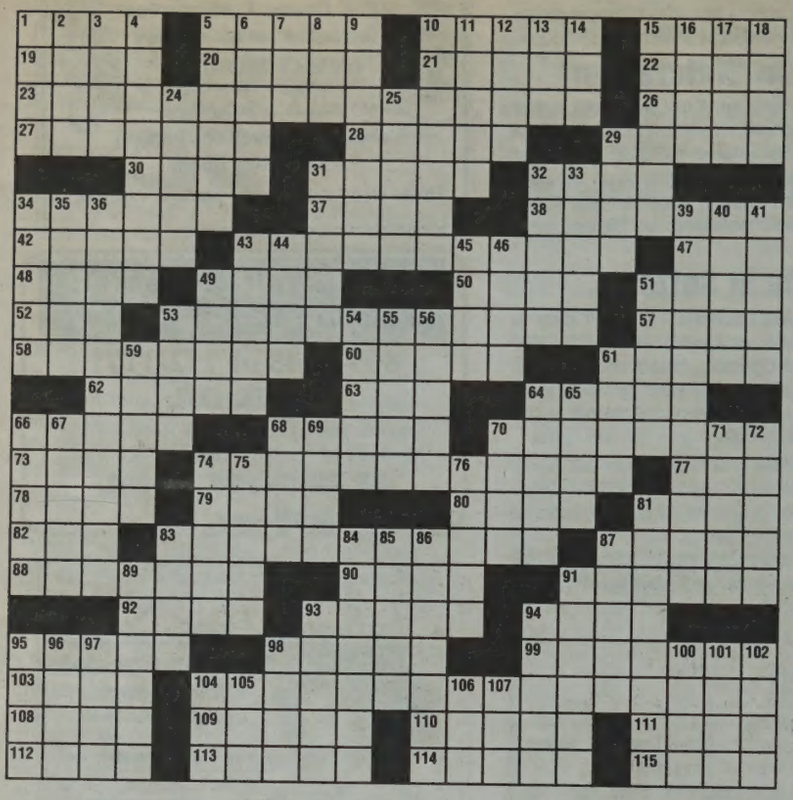

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By Norma Steinberg

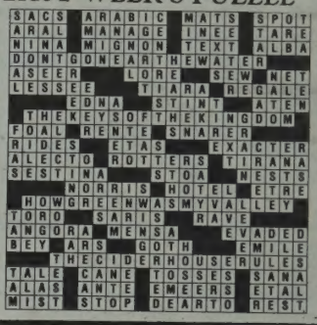
ACROSS

1 Burgundy and claret
5 Harbor sights
10 — Rackstraw of "H.M.S. Pinafore"
15 Engrave, in a way
19 China, Japan, Korea etc.
20 Braid
21 Habituate
22 Chorister's hope
23 She's a star of great magnitude?
26 Streetcar, in Birmingham
27 Dressmaker's need
28 Cosmetic ingredients
29 Flavorful herb
30 Officers' dinner
31 Sword handles
32 Pine for
34 Actress Trevor
37 Med. school course
38 Park Avenue guardians
42 Like some desserts
43 She walks for good causes?
47 Tourist's org.
48 Seabird
49 One of the Cartwrights
50 Author Bagnold
51 Against
52 — -fi
53 He has a black belt?
57 Burr/Hamilton fight
58 Union officer
60 French queen
61 Secluded valleys
62 Design transfer
63 Such: Sp.
64 — mix
66 Walk the —
68 Shearer of ballet fame
70 Shakes
73 Comic Martha —
74 He's a bargain hunter?
77 Str.
78 Bed and Breakfasts
79 Unicorn's feature
80 "— and the Tramp"
81 Wild goat
82 History book word
83 She's a Hardy character?
87 Witch
88 Whimpering
90 "When I was —"
91 Bermuda —
92 Actress Sommer
93 Wading bird
94 "English"
95 Slugger's appearance
98 Diva Callas
99 Curve and slider
103 "...Roger Rabbit," for one
104 She's generous?
108 Leer at
109 Greetings!
110 Calculator button
111 Without — to stand on
112 Anchor
113 Saying
114 Some school games
115 Extinct bird

DOWN

1 Grate
2 ¿Como — usted?
3 Count calories
4 Description of a hard job
5 Scanty
6 Families
7 - - bran
8 Sense of humor
9 Goes the extra mile
10 Lasagna cheese
11 Feeds the kitty
12 San — Obispo
13 In favor of
14 Coop dweller
15 Swimmer Williams
16 Royalist
17 — chowder
18 Catcher's base
24 Wary
25 A name for God
29 Jefferson: Abbr.
31 Severe
32 Own up to
33 Certain students
34 Garnish
35 Left in the —
36 She's patient?
39 He's a hard worker?
40 Devoured
41 Carpentry needs
43 Aesop ending
44 Org.
45 Stockwell or Martin
46 About
49 "Mary — little lamb..."
51 Off the cuff
53 Jagger
54 Clarinetist Shaw
55 Memorize
56 Spring flower
59 Descartes and others
61 Prey
64 Swap
65 Depend
66 Trojan king
67 Hope or Jessica
68 Actress Steenburgen
69 Yes —
70 Peter or Ivan
71 Happening
72 Genders
74 Wad
75 Mountain home
76 Escape
81 Legally unbreakable
83 Leave at the altar
84 Pub
85 Murdered
86 Card game
87 Ms. Rivera
89 Horseshoes term
91 Hawker's speeches
93 Sophia's husband
94 Mist
95 — bomb
96 Lunch counter option
97 Kind of knife
98 Niger's neighbor
100 Hawaiian city
101 — out a living
102 Lily variety
104 — Na Na
105 Jinx
106 — do you do?
107 One — time

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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[11.26]

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Sutton Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with MGL Chapter 41, and the Sutton Planning Board Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivisions, a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 7, 1992 at 7:45 PM in the Municipal Center, to review the Definitive Plans of the "Hoel Acres" Subdivision. This proposed 3 lot development is by Philip and Joan Hoel, plans by Lavallee Brothers, Inc. dated October 20, 1992. The property is located northerly by Boston Road; easterly by land of Page; southerly by other land of Page; westerly by land of Niedzwecki, MacLaren and Lange.

The Plans may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Any person interested in or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated.
Scott Paul, Chairman
November 19 and 26, 1992

Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on December 14, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, Planning Board Hearing Room, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA on the application of Todisco Shell Station, Route 146, Millbury for a sign special permit under Article 1, Section 14.11 (m) of the Millbury Zoning Bylaw.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.
Ann Kniskern, Chairwoman
November 26 and December 3, 1992

Town of Millbury
Winter Parking Regulations

Effective December 1, 1992 to April 1, 1993, no person shall park a vehicle on the following streets or parts of streets, between the hours of 1:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. on any day:

Beach St., Braney Rd., Burbank St.(no parking from the Sutton-Millbury Town Line to a point 110 feet south of Burbank St.'s intersection with West Main St.), Canal St., Church St., Curve St., Dolan Rd. Elm St.. Elmwood St., Grove St., Hamilton St., Highland St., Howe Ave., Leslie Ln., Main St., Maple St., Memorial Dr., Miles St., Rhodes St., South Main St., Stowe Rd., Sullivan Pl., Summer St., Sunset Dr., Sycamore St. (no parking on the southerly side), Water St., West St., West Main St. (exception: parking is allowed on the westerly (even) side from Gould St. to Rhodes St.)., Wheelock Ave.

Also effective December 1, 1992 to April 1, 1993, no person shall park a vehicle on the odd numbered side of any street between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. of any day.

Also effective December 1, 1992 to April 1, 1993, no person shall park a vehicle upon any street after 2" of snow has accumulated.

The established fine for parking on a primary artery during the Winter Parking Ban is $10.00 for each offense; for parking on a secondary artery is $5 for each offense; for interfering with snow removal or for parking after 2" of snow is $15 for each offense.

As provided by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 18, the Board of Selectmen has voted, upon the written request of the Tiffany Townhouse Association, Inc., that no person shall park a vehicle on Tiffany Circle, except in marked spaces, between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. of any day, effective December 1, 1992 to April 1, 1992.

As provided by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 90, Section 18, the Board of Selectmen has voted, upon the written request of the Paul Revere Village Association, Inc., that no person shall park a vehicle on the following streets or parts thereof, except in marked spaces, between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. of any day effective December 1, 1992 to April 1, 1993: Bunker Hill Rd., Concord Rd., Lexington Rd., Meetinghouse Ln., Village Green.

Cub Scout Awards

MILLBURY - Cub Scout Pack 109 recently held its November pack meeting. Entertainment was provided by the Keevan Brothers.

The boys earned awards as follows:

DEN 3: Bobby Delisio, Bobcat, Swimming, Archery, Soccer loops; Sean Dore, Bobcat; Joey Laskowski, Bobcat; Douglas McKeon, Bobcat; John Lawrence, Bobcat; Casey Major, Bobcat; Andrew Widen, Bobcat, Soccer loop.

DEN 4: Jay George, Bobcat, Baseball, Soccer loops and pins, sports letter; Jonathan Lund, Bobcat; Gregory Orrell, Bobcat; Thomas Murphy, Bobcat, Baseball loop and pin; Ryan Racicot, Bobcat; Nicholas Rich, Bobcat; Ross Hanlan, Bobcat.

DEN 5: Michael Hanlan, Bobcat; William Haddad, Bobcat.

WEBELOS 1: Andrew Raffa, Aquanaut, Handyman, Naturalist; Justin Bennes, Fitness, Handyman; Adam Woelfel, Handyman; John Murphy, Artist, Showman, Handyman; Andrew Graves, Handyman; Brian Lavoie, Fitness; Elijah Lillie, Bobcat, Handyman; Michael Wackell, Handyman; Garrett Walsh, Handyman; Andrew LeBlanc, Family, Baseball pin; David Fraser, Handyman.

WEBELOS 2: Peter Luikey, Webelos, Compass; Michael Orrell, Compass; Joshua Harris, Compass; Rob Vigneau, Compass; Peter Devine, Compass, Scholar, Soccer and Ultimate loops.

November events include Scouting for Food, Bake Sale at Goretti's, and the Bowl-a-thon. The Webelos are planning a field trip to the Audubon Society to work on their Naturalist Award. The December pack meeting is on the 16th and Toys for Tots will be collecting unwrapped toys. The scouts will be caroling through town to the Common, so dress warm! The pack would like to thank the anonymous donor of the flag stands. Your support was appreciated.

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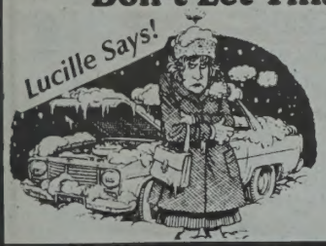

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Budget

Committee member Barbara Tuttle spoke to a theme she has discussed on previous occasions, calling for a more efficient budget preparation without any large end-of-year transfers which has been common practice in the past. She called attention to the projected $300,000 shortfall expected for next year in the town's available free cash and the fact that the school system may not get another $150,000 from the state as it received this year. "There has to be more accountability," she said, remarking that people she talks to are concerned over the end-of-year transfers. "If we can do something with that," she said, "we will have made a good start."

Sylvia said there are variables to be considered such as maternity leaves, retirements, and a fluctuation in oil prices. He explained that the budget process begins with the principals and goes through a process where he reviews it before it comes to the school committee for approval. "There are all sorts of ways of doing budgets," he said, "and it should be noted that with these difficult times, the schools in Millbury have been fortunate that they have had materials and supplies needed for the students which is not the case in many surrounding communities."

Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty said that in the past, money was returned to the town.

Tuttle said the committee should keep an open mind with respect to the budget. She also referred to what she called a "slush fund."

Hanratty disagreed with the term "slush fund," and said there were times when there were no surpluses.

Marble agreed that there could be an efficient budget process. "I hear what you're saying," he said to Tuttle.

Committee member Jane Pojani said she agreed with Tuttle and noted that it shouldn't be "just us giving monies back."

Pierce said $15,000 was given back last year.

Hanratty said he was open to looking at different ways of doing the budget.

Marble asked for a list of teacher positions that are funded by grants.

Sylvia said he would supply that information next month.

Superintendent-Elect Richard Palermo suggested that as the budget is being built, there has to be an effort to conserve in ways that will have an effect on the budget, especially in how supplies and energy are used.

Tuttle said she is looking for a more school-based management plan for budgeting.

Request for Funds

The Committee took no action on a request from Sylvia to transfer funds from the transportation account, which has a surplus, to provide funding for staff conferences.

Committeeman Tom Clawson noted that the Superintendent knew that there was $1000 available in that account from the start of this fiscal year and should have planned accordingly.

Sylvia said he didn't keep a running account of the funds in that account. He requested an additional $1000.

Pojani questioned his actions on approving conferences when monies were not available.

Sylvia said he was not aware that funds were not available until recently.

Tuttle said the timing of Sylvia's request fits in perfectly with the earlier discussions on the budget. "This is what I have been talking about," she said.

"We can't spend money we don't have," Pojani said. "He should not approve conferences when monies are not there. He should come to us first and until we approve the funds, there should be no conferences."

Sylvia was asked to provide the committee with a list of conferences and those attending.

Marble suggested that the Committee approve requests as they come along. "You bring them before us, justify them," he said, "and perhaps we will approve."

Sylvia said the amount budgeted for that account this year was the smallest ever and that he had not taken a running account of the expenditures. "I have held up conferences since I found out," he said.

The Committee moved to executive session for collective bargaining on negotiations related to school department contracts that have not been settled as yet.

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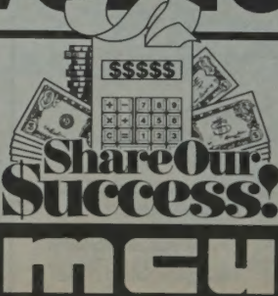

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